## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Examiner: Margaret M. Seaman

LOHSE ET AL.

Art Unit 1625

APPLICATION NO: 10/550,621 FILED: NOVEMBER 3, 2005

FOR: A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 5-(HALOACETYL)-8-

(SUBSTITUTED OXY)-(1H)-QUINOLIN-2-ONES

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of September 24, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 24, 2008. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1,110 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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